



Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding from the Government to support pupils facing challenges to do their very best at school. These pupils might be from families with lower incomes, families facing unemployment or pupils who have been 'looked after'. This funding means that the school is given additional money for those eligible children to support their learning or development needs and to diminish differences with their peers. If you think you qualify, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call on 0300 123 4048.

Service Pupil Premium

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

Service personnel with children (reception to year 11) in state schools in England should notify schools of their children's service status to ensure they are recorded prior to the next autumn census (first Thursday in October) in order to qualify for Service pupil premium.

ERIC Reading

ERIC reading is back on Friday 21st October 2022. This will be for all year groups and classes. Please report to your child's class at 2.55pm if you wish to come along and read with your child in class. If you have siblings in school in separate classes, then please go to one classroom first for ten minutes and then the second classroom for the remaining ten minutes. Please exit and enter via the outside of the building. We look forward to seeing you.

Maths

Maths Fluency talk on Monday. Miss Geis will be doing a short talk about our maths fluency lessons that children take part in daily. This session will give you more information on what sort of things the children learn during these sessions and how to support your child at home. Please come to Saturn Classroom at 3.20 after school on Monday. We look forward to seeing you there. If you cannot attend, please do not worry. Miss Geis will put all resources onto Class DoJo and the school website.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that we have a uniform policy available on our website. We please ask that pupils wear full school uniform/PE kit which consists of the school colours, navy, black and royal blue, this includes items in hair and footwear. We have school photos next week, please ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Attendance

The class that has had the best punctuality and attendance this week is Starlight, with 100% attendance! At St Mary's we want all children to attend school on time, every day unless there is a valid reason why they cannot. Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

School Parking

It has been brought to our attention about the parking at drop off and pick up and the chaos it is causing. Please can all parents/carers be a little more cautious and courteous of our neighbours, and also our children. Some parking has been seen to be quite unsafe, and we do not want there to be any accidents, which results in a child being hurt.

Calendar Dates

Please follow the link below which will take you to our school calendar. This is regularly updated for you all to refer to.
<https://stmarysinfants.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar/>